

(a) the items, programmes/schemes for which fund was made available to the Government of Rajasthan as a grant during the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 by her Ministry, along with the details of funds made available for each item/scheme; and

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has submitted the account of the expenditure to Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No funds/grants were made available to Government of Rajasthan for schemes by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

(b) Does not arise.

HAM Radio sets in the country

2430. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HAM Radios in the country at present;

(b) whether Government will allow more HAM sets in the country so that they can be used in the event of emergent situations like cyclone, earthquake etc. and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Department of Telecommunication has informed that there are approximately 15,908 license HAM Radio Operators in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the times of natural calamities, the HAM operators are permitted to handle third party messages on behalf of state administrations and no specific permission from Department of Telecommunications is required for such purposes.